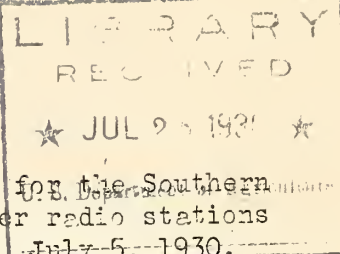


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WHAT'S HAPPENING AMONG 4-H CLUBS



A radio talk by I. W. Hill, Field Agent in club work for the Southern States, Extension Service, delivered through WRC and 45 other radio stations associated with the National Broadcasting Company, Saturday, July 5, 1930.

Four-H Club Members and Friends:

Club members throughout the country, and especially dairy club members, are looking forward to next Tuesday when the international dairy judging contest takes place at Manchester, England. The team representing the United States is from Oklahoma. You may remember that our national team last year brought back the trophy to the United States. Halley Kennedy and Felix William King, from Carter County, Oklahoma, and James Childers from Garfield County, are the members of the team this year. They won the right to represent the United States in this contest by outpointing teams from 27 States in a dairy judging contest at the National Dairy Exposition in St. Louis, last fall. Our team landed at Liverpool June 14 and after visiting the American Embassy, went to Jersey and Guernsey Islands in the English Channel to study the two famous breeds of dairy cattle in their native homes. They have also spent some time in the farming sections of France, Germany, Holland, Belgium, and Denmark, studying their systems of dairying and general agriculture.

These are busy days for 4-H club members, what with camps and short courses and training schools in so many places. Beginning Monday and continuing through Friday, it is 4-H Club Week in Michigan. Boys and girls from all over the State will come in to the Michigan State College at East Lansing for instruction and for a good time. Four-H clubs are ready with their exhibits in North Dakota for the two State fairs this month. Tomorrow they will be removing their exhibits from the 4-H club department of the District Fair at Minot which has been on all this week. From the 14th to the 20th they will be exhibiting at the State Fair at Grand Forks and from the 21st to the 26th, at the State Fair at Fargo.

In South Dakota, three thousand club members are busy camping. Fifteen camps are being held this year in different sections of the State so that a camp will be convenient to every 4-H clubber in the State. District club camps are also being held in Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, and Ohio, this month. Boys and girls from six counties in New Jersey are finishing up the last of three junior camps held in the State, this week. Next week there will be five different camps and short courses in different sections of Virginia. The week beginning July 21, club members from all parts of Virginia and Tennessee will attend State short courses at their State Agricultural Colleges. The week beginning July 28 will see club members in State-wide gatherings in Mississippi, Kentucky, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas. At the same time, the State Junior Farm Bureau Camp will be held at the University of Nevada Livestock Farm at Reno, Nevada. Last year 284 boys and girls attended this camp and they expect about the same number again this summer.

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In the East this month there are 4-H training schools in Vermont, Delaware, and Connecticut, and State Short courses in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

And so it goes in practically all States of the Union at this time of year. Four-H'ers are busy getting training in the problems relating to farm and home, health, culture, and many other things, including the forming of many new friendships. Although the purposes of these meetings are primarily of an educational nature, the club leaders see to it that "a good time is had by all."

I have been visiting clubs in a number of Southern States this year to see them in action. When I went down into Ellis County, Oklahoma, the Arnett 4-H Club put on a model club program with which they had placed first in the county contest. I want to tell you something about these model club programs. Every club in each county works up what it considers to be the very best program to have at a club meeting. The meeting is opened by the president of the club and proceeds in the regular way, following parliamentary rules. After the business of the club has been transacted, a program is put on which includes a method demonstration of some club practice, songs, talks by members of the group, and frequently some form of recreation. The clubs in the county meet together for a county contest, the winners competing in district contests, and the winners in the district semi-finals compete in the finals at the State club event which is held at the State Agricultural College. The Arnett 4-H Club made me an honorary member of their group at the time of my visit. Since that time they have won out in the district contest and I want to congratulate them upon their achievement.

Word has just come in that Sylvia Bretoi, now a sophomore in home economics at the University of Minnesota and a member of the Gopher College 4-H Club there has been selected as one of 15 girls in the United States to receive a scholarship from the University of Rumania for study during year beginning September 1. Sylvia will leave for Bucharest early in August. She has been a 4-H Club member for four years and has represented Dakota County, Minnesota, at State events and excelled in demonstration work.

Well, I see my time is up. Good luck to you all.
